The Matter Of Party Loyalty

THERE has been a massive shifting and relocation of political principle in the last decade and a half, and it is quite true that the Southern Democrats, who represent a generally conservative constituency, have been more consistent than their Party. Nevertheless they are now completely out of step with the Democratic parade that began under Franklin Roosewith and is being continued in half-hearted fashion under Harry Truman; in the general liberal-conservative realignment they have had little choice except to join forces with the officially conservative Republicans.

Yet, even though most of them have sec. even though most of them have as their own, and have crossed the Congressional center asse to form an effective, if informal coalition with the minority Party. they still shy away from the G.O.P. Party label as though it were a public admis-sion of sin. The effort, launched by Represion of sin. The error, insuring a veptice-sentative Hartiey of New Jersey, to make the coalition public and official seems likely to founder on the rock of Southern prejudice against that old bogey-word, "Republican."

"Republican."

Representative Barden of North CaroInn's Third District was named by Representative Hartley as a member of the tenman steering committee that would perfect
the formal organization of a RepublicanDemocratic coalition declared to defeating Administration legislation extending
OFA beyond June 30. But Representative
Barden has now issued a flat denial that
he was a "member of any group of 150
or any ten-member committee or similar
organization seeking bipartisan control of
legislation. I have not met with such group
or committee formally or informally and
have not authorized the use of my name."

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His denial, contained in a telegram to News & Observer which had published the Associated Press story carry-ing Representative Hartley's announcement, made a considerable point of "his party loyalty." But, as The News & Observer pointed out in apologising for its understandable failure to check directly with Representative Barden before publishing the AP dispatch. "Mr. Barden and some other Southern Democrats did Join with the Republicans to defeat Democratic liberal measures drawn in the spirit of betterment of the Democratic platform and recommended by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman." And it might be added that Representative Barden was one of eight members of the North Carolina Delegation who wied with the Republicans against sessential provisions of the Housing Bill recommended by the head of the Democratic Party, to which he was, a few days Party, to which he was, a few days later, declaring his fealty.

Southerners, of course, have always made a fetish of Party regularity, but we be-lieve the day has gone when a North Carolina politician must maintain the fie-Carolina politician must maintain the He-tion that he is a loyal Democrat in order to retain his office. If he is convinced that the policies of the Democratic Party are inimical to the best interests of his constituency—and we are convinced that Representative Barden and the other North Carolina Congressmen who have crossed the aisle are sincere in their conviction— then bolting his Party is an act of states-manship, not of political treason.

manship, not of political treason.

A man's loyalty, in or out of politics, is measured by his acts, not by his words. Southern Democrats, busily engaged in sabotaging President Truman's legislative program, are lending sid and comfort to the Republican Party and helping insure a Democratic defeat in the next national election. Although we regard their action as tragic we do not regard it as reprehensible, What is reprehensible, and in the long run perhaps even more tragic, is their lack of candor; they are adding blatant hypocrisy to the list of evils already produced by the South's one-party system.

A Warning From Wuerzburg

WE are under no illusion that reprinting Lt. Col. Frank Ebey's recent order to the 205th Antisircraft Battalion, which specared in the news columns vesterday

Ocionel Ebey, in command of occupation forces in Wuerrburg, Germany, noted
that "the morale of the civilian population
of Wuerrburg has been raised as the result of a speech in the United States by
a British politician, relative to our ally,
the Russian people." Members of his comsmand had expressed approval of Winston
Churchilli's address in the presence of
German civilians, and he ordered a halt
this does not violate your right of free
speech among yourselves."
I do not hate the German people. My

I do not hate the German people. My policy in regard to dancing and social gatherings should indicate that fact to you, but I cannot forget that the sun will always set upon the grave of some Ameri-

can soldier. From Pearl Harbor and Bataan to the Elbe, your buddies are lying dead because of the Nazl Party and the evil machinations of Hitler and his gang. Don't let your frauleth's opinion influence you. She has been raised in an atmosphere of harred and intolerance of all nations on earth toxeep the master race we have just whipped.

Millions of Russian soldiers and civilians died to save your skins. Just remember that. If propagands causes you to hate the Russians, stop and think—they died for you too. If you want to fight again, encouraging these frauleins to think we hate Russia is a good way to get things

Those were the good old days, yes? Standing in halftracks all day in the bitter cold, dirty, hungry and tired; firing off the line of departure; making river crossings and aweating out barrages. It is cold in Russia, remember that.

I am not a pinko or a red. But the Rus-alans are our allies. They have guts and by God I never want to fight again. Think it over. You have been warned.

There are a good many million Americans outside the 205th Antiaircraft Battalion who would also do well to think over Colonel Ebey's words.

The Threat Of Absentee Ownership

A story based upon the fears of Southern cotton men that outlanders-Yankees and European refugees-are now assuming control of the South's textile empire ap peared in THE NEWS Saturday, was picked up by the Associated Press, and found its way into The New York Times. Reading it, a New York businessman became even more alarmed than the native cotton brokers; his letter, warning us that a welltrained mob of outside financiers will soon have us all working in the cotton fields while they sit under the trees and watch, appears elsewhere on this page.

Our correspondent's terrors are. think, a little exaggerated, but there think, a little exaggerated, but there is lit-tile doubt that there is a real threat to the regional economy in the current frenetic activity in textile stocks. Information dribbles out piecemeal from behind the wall of secrecy that has always surrounded textile financial operations, but it is clear that mills, and even entire chains of mills, are being bought and sold almost daily.

Some part of this activity doubtless re-sults from the effort of long-established sperators to integrate their holdings, com-bining the functions of spinning, weaving and finishing under a single management. It also seems likely that schemes to avoid payment of present high income taxes ac-count for some of the transactions. And it is natural enough that the industry, which has prospered mightly during the war years, should now be attracting large amounts of the nation's over-abundent in-

westment capital.

But it also seems quite likely that a good deal of the buying and selling is pure speculation, and it is here, we think, that the South faces its greatest danger. New York financiers, buying cotton mills with no thought of operating them but simply because there is a chance to result at a price a chair or result at a point. cause there is a chance to resci at a profit, start a chain reaction. There is bound to be a considerable loss of efficiency as each company changes hands, and as the sale poles paramids there begins a frantic.

scramble to prevent getting caught when inflated values snap back to normal.

The end product is bound to be absented The end product is bound to be absentee ownership, and disinterested ownership at that, and the South already has bitter knowledge of what an evil that can be. Our native cotton mill barons, and the New Englanders who moved South lock, stock and barrel in the early days, may not have been the most enlightened employers in the world, but they did understand that their own fortunes were bound up with the future of the region.

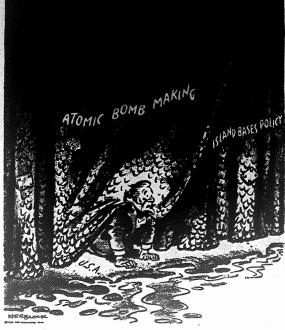
The Gastonia Gazette, which has more cause to brood over absentee ownership than any newspaper in the South, also finds "the sale of so many fine textile plants to outside interests alarming." The Gazette then goes on to wonder "what the Loves, Graya, Armstrongs and Ragans and scores of others of another generation would think about this." We know what they would think, and so does The Gazette We also know what they would do—just what they did once before; beat the Yankee financiers at their own game and use Yankee money to do it.

One and all assured by Moscow that its military attache who collected the atomic data in Ottawa was recalled instantly. As to which medal he was awarded, there is no word.

A check-up on Washington guesses of the last six months as to unemployment, speed of reconversion, etc., shows them as wild as the Phil Baker quiz contestant's, when he doesn't know.

De Seversky doubts if the atom bomb which flattened Hiroshima would notice-ably damage the City of New York, After all, 12 years of LaGuardia left no perma-

Boy-Look At That Curtain Around Russia!'



People's Platform

An Alarmed New Yorker

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(NOTE: The article referred to is an Associated Press dispatch based on a story dealing with absentee buying of Southern textile properties written by J.A. Daly and published in Thra News on Saturday, March 9—26s, The News).

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If the Southern people do not awaken to the
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One can hardly blame these faktra, when you see invitations such as the advertisement of the Charleston Development Beard, which also appeared in the N. Z. Times, an unusual newspaper of the have certain plans to acquire properly in the South, I am alarmed because I know that if the South-properly mention of the Charleston of the Charlesto

-JAMES GRAHAM.

Hole In The Ground

ENCLOSED you will find copy of a letter addressed to City Manager Fisck, in regard to an article appearing in your newspaper Tuesday atternoon, March 5th:

"Upon my return to the city today, I noticed an account published in the Charlotte News Tuesday afternoon in which a suggestion has been made that the City Sanitary Department resume dump-

ing in the old rock quarry on West Tremont Avenue.

"As a representative of the residents on East Wilmore Drive, I am quite surprised that such a statement could come from your office, as you are very well acquainted with the wishes of the residents of the country of the coun

be called upon as when such this matter,

"I also call your attgnion to the fact that a copy
of this letter is being sent to Mayor H. H. Baxter,
who is indeed familiar with the wishes of the residents who are most vitally affected by the fires and
odors coming from this place."—ROY 8. SMITH.

CHARLOTTE

It's Not Funny

As the writer recalls a few years back The News had two funny papers—one called the "control page." section and the other called the "control page." section and the other called the "control page." others worth reading having been cut out any out on't have any. The cultorial page has passed the ridiculous stage and is now pathetic—particularly your recent efforts to condone liquor.

by your recent efforts to condone liquor.

It is so noticeable that so many children know so much more than their parents, particularly where moral issues are concerned. The writer knew well the policy is maintained concerning all moral issues—and winst a difference now. Sure. times have changed. Also methods change, but principles never. Two and two makes four just as it did fifty years ago and what was morally wrong then is morally wrong now and visa versa.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typecuritien if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tun News.

Marquis Childs Russians In America

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For the most part, these Russians in America live a completely seclusive life. Their contacts with Americans are limited, with rare exceptions, to formal office relationships.

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To house Soviet clistens in New York area, the Russian Gov-nor beautiful and secluded estates on Long Island, That, by a fine historical irony, is the estate at Glem Cove of the late J. P. Mor-gan, who typified the power of American capitalism.

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It is a little foolish and futile to get angry about this. The fact is that the time has come, allowing for differences in facilities, to demand racingonal rights.

Samuel Grafton

Anti-Loan Sentiment

NEW YORK

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THE British loan is in trouble.
Latters received by some Congressmen are described as running do to 1 sgainst granting the multi-million credit; the best showings on any Congressmen's letter-table registered directly following Mr. Churchill's speech calling for a British-American military alliance from the form of the resident that the decay of international relations, between Russia and the West, results also in a decay of relations between British and America; that decay of international relations, between Russia and the West, results also in a decay of relations between British and America; that decay of international relations, between Russia and the West, results also in a decay of relations to the loan by Mr. Churchill's title America First kind of letter writer he is an active fellow, with a pocket full of stamps its demanding the control of the credit of the control of the credit of the control of the credit of the six of the credit of the six of the credit of the credit of the six of the credit of the cr

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STILL NECESSARY
Yet the loan remains necessary and must be granted; to dany it means to sharpen every British means to sharpen every British imperial policy, and perspective of the perspective of t

Drew Pearson's: Americans May Have To Fight At Trieste Merry-Go-Round:

THE War Department isn't saying so publicly, but the spot which worries Secretary of War Patterson most in dynamite-inden Europe is a small area at the head of the Adriatic where two British and American divisions are almost looking down the muzzles of eight superior Jugoslaw divisions.

That trouble spot is Trieste. Still held by British and American troops, it is expected that the Jugoslava, backed by a huge Russian Army in the rear, may move in almost any one. If any other than the same that t

things:

1. Either American and British troops turn tail and evacuate, with great loss of prestige throughout Europe and a caving in of United Nations ideals; or

2. If American and British troops resist, it means war. Huge Red Army

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With T makes the situation more alarming is the fact that

With Russians are maintaining a huge army of 1,100,000
men in Hungary. This tremendous concentration of troops
in a country of only 15,000,000 people obviously is not necessary for internal policing. Furthermore, this army consists
of new, fresh troops and is located just south of Laky

However, the eight divisions of Jugoslav troops, bristling
with lend-lease equipment, would be sufficient to smash
the skeletonized Angio-American forces in Trieste even without Russian assistance. At present the Jugoslav Army is
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dividing point between British-American occupation and the Jugoslavs. If this superior Jugoslav force starts advancing on Trieste, American troops face the alternative of stepping starts of the property of the start of the property of the beannibilised. The start of the start of the property of the Politically, the situation is extremely complicated, with one important political point on the side of the Jugoslavs.

Inheritance From Last War

A CTUALLY the city of Trieste is dominated by Italians though the population around it is largely Jugoslav. Before the last war it was Austro-Rungarian, but went to Italy under the Paris peace conference—an award the Jugoslav Before Italian Packets under Drammunio select Trieste Carlon of the Car

Hatton Sumners' Pajamas

CONGRESSMAN Hatton Summers of Dallas, Texas, who is to now bowing out of Congress, is chiefly famous for his champloning of States Rights and his Supreme Court battle against Rocevell.

Back in 1940, before Jugoslavia was invaded by Germany, King Peter was promised that his country could nave thriste after the war, if it resisted the Nazi invasion.

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Congressman Sumners, however, was not at all concerned. He took the matter in his stride.

"Oh that," he said, holding out one leg, "is just my pajamas. I always keep my pajamas on when I'm going to spend the night with Howard Smith across the river."

Devils all Real Essate

Of Net Hipoff on just how vigorously John L. Lewis plans to
enter his battle to recapture the CIO came out at the AFL
executive board meeting in Miami, where the bushy-thowed
labor thesplan joined his former enemels in a holy war
against his former friends. Phil Murray and the CIO.

One of Lewis's first moves was to persuade the AFL to move out of its shabby 30-year-old headquarters to a mod-ern streamlined building near the White House. Levis was naised chairman of an Arts. committee to acquire the new building. Some years as obtained acquire the new building. Some years as obtain used quarter of a million for the University Club, conce the bone of Washington ellie, and made it his United Mine Workers Headquarters.

But since then Phil Murray has established an affice two